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SUBJECT: MODE - APHIS MEDITERRANEAN FRUIT FLY PREVENTION  
PROGRAM

GUATEMALA - PLEASE PASS TO APHIS ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR  
MUSSMAN

REFS: (A) SAN SALVADOR 5425 (NOTAL), (B) STATE 278344  
(NOTAL), (C) STATE 272066 (NOTAL)

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1. DEPARTMENT APPRECIATES RECEIPT OF REFTEL (A) WHICH HAS

FACILITATED RESOLVING SOME INTERAGENCY MATTERS OF CONCERN IN WASHINGTON AND AT EMBASSY. AS A RESULT, ACTION IS MOVING FORWARD ON SEVERAL ASPECTS OF THE EFFORT BY USDA/APHIS TO COMBAT NORTHWARD SPREAD OF THE MEDFLY.

2. CONCERNING AGREEMENT ON MEDFLY PREVENTION WHICH EVIDENTLY GOVERNMENT OF GUATEMALA HAS NOT YET SIGNED, APHIS ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR HARRY MUSSMAN IS STOPPING IN GUATEMALA DECEMBER 10-13, WITH APHIS REGIONAL DIRECTOR CAVIN IN HOPES OF PERSUADING GOG TO SIGN.

3. CONCERNING AGREEMENTS WITH EL SALVADOR AND HONDURAS, TEXTS OF MOUS (VERY SIMILAR TO TEXT OUTLINED REF A) HAVE NOW BEEN CLEARED FOR LEGAL SUFFICIENCY AND POLICY CONSISTENCY IN AGRICULTURE AND STATE DEPARTMENTS AND THEIR SIGNATURE AUTHORIZED. APHIS ACKNOWLEDGES INCORRECTNESS OF EARLIER ACTIONS BY APHIS REPS IN NEGOTIATING SIGNATURE OF DRAFT TEXTS BY HOST GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS IN EL SALVADOR AND TEGUCIGALPA PRIOR TO INTERAGENCY CLEARANCE AND AUTHORIZATION IN WASHINGTON (PARA 5, REF A). SINCE THOSE DRAFT TEXTS HAVE UNDERGONE EDITORIAL REVISIONS, THE REVISED TEXTS WILL BE OFFERED FOR SIGNATURE NEXT WEEK. APHIS ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR MUSSMAN AND CAVIN, EN ROUTE TO MANAGUA MEETING DESCRIBED MANAGUA 5579 (NOTAL), WILL VISIT SAN SALVADOR DECEMBER 14 AND WILL BE IN CONTACT WITH COM AND AGATT ON THIS MATTER. UNDERSTAND THEY PLAN TO CONTACT HONDURANS AT MANAGUA DECEMBER 15-16. WHEN AND IF THE REVISED MOUS ARE INITIALED, USG SIDE SHOULD MENTION THAT EFFORTS ARE STILL IN TRAIN TO REDIRECT ANY USG RESOURCES REQUIRED FOR THIS GENERAL EFFORT IN CENTRAL AMERICA. DEPARTMENT ALSO REQUESTS THAT USG SIDE ASCERTAIN FROM HOST SIGNATORIES THAT LATTER ARE AUTHORIZED TO GUARANTEE PRIVILEGES STATED FOR ANY USG PERSONNEL INVOLVED (LAST QUESTION PARA 5, REF A).

4. AGREEMENT WHICH APHIS CONTEMPLATED SIGNING WITH OIRSA (REGIONAL INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH) REMAINS UNDER REVIEW FOR LEGAL SUFFICIENCY IN WASHINGTON AND WILL NOT REPEAT NOT BE OFFERED FOR SIGNATURE IN CONNECTION WITH MANAGUA MEETING.

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5. AS TO APHIS FUNDED PERSONNEL RESOURCES FOR THIS EFFORT IN CENTRAL AMERICAN COUNTRIES, CURRENT APHIS PLANNING FORESEES FOLLOWING DISTRIBUTION:

GUATEMALA (ASSUMING GOG SIGNS MOU) - ONE APHIS OFFICER ON TDY IN JANUARY, PENDING USG DECISION ON ESTABLISHING RESIDENT POSITIONS FOR TWO AMERICANS AND UP TO 20 LOCAL

NATIONALS.

HONDURAS - EVENTUALLY FOUR LOCAL NATIONALS, TO CONDUCT  
SURVEYS AND TRAPPING OPERATIONS.

EL SALVADOR - EVENTUALLY TWO AMERICANS, 4 LOCAL NATIONALS  
TO PROVIDE EXPERTISE AND MAINTAIN QUALITY CONTROLS AT  
A STERILE MEDFLY PRODUCTION FACILITY TO BE OPERATED BY  
OIRSA.

6. DECISIONS REMAIN TO BE REACHED IN WASHINGTON CONCERNING  
FUNDING AND MODE CEILING SPACES FOR ANY APHIS RESIDENT  
POSITIONS. CONCERNED POSTS ARE INVITED TO COMMENT AS  
DESIRED ON THE NECESSITY AND/OR ADEQUACY OF THE USG STAFF-  
ING ENVISAGED IN PREVIOUS PARAGRAPH. ROBINSON

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